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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OPTIMIZATION

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**AMENDMENT "B" UNDER RULE 111 AND**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
(In Response to 11/16/2005 Office action)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Dear Sir:

This Amendment B" is filed in response to the Office action dated November 16, 2005. The three month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office action expired on February 16, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests and petitions that the period for response be extended for one month to March 16, 2006. Enclosed herewith is an information disclosure statement (IDS). Please charge the \$120 fee for the one-month extension of time and the \$180 fee for the filing of the IDS to our Deposit Account No. 050877

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- **Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.**

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